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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*

RE: Site Inspection, Thornburg Memorial Mines, Western States Resources, M/019/006, Grand County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 23, 1991
Time of Inspection: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Conditions: Warm, sunny, damp
Attendees: Dick Shumway, WSR; Sal Venticinqu, BLM; Tony Gallegos and Holland Shepherd, DOGM

This inspection was performed as a means of determining qualification for bond release. The operator and BLM had contacted us previously about inspecting the site for bond/surety release.

The operator has been reclaiming portions of the site over the last 12 months. The site has been largely reclaimed. All waste dumps have been regraded, all declines and portals have been covered, and all junk has been removed from the surface. Much of the junk has been placed in the buried declines or carried off the site.

Some powerlines remain onsite, apparently belonging to UP&L. One powerline contains two transformers, which are certified non-pcb containing. UP&L will be contacted concerning the transformers.

We asked Mr. Shumway to resolve some concerns onsite before release would be made. These included:

1. the reclamation (plugging) of two vent shafts on the south hillside;
2. the completion of reclamation associated with two unclosed portals on the southeast hillside;

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3. the removal of a small garbage dump in front of one of the unreclaimed portals, located on the southeast edge of the site.

The operator has seeded the waste dumps onsite twice, without success. The waste material derived from chert shales and limestone serves as very poor plant growth medium. Mr. Shumway was asked to distribute more seed onsite before bond release.

Mr. Venticinque indicated that once the above work was completed, he would be ready to release the site from further reclamation obligations. Mr. Venticinque called recently and mentioned the above work had been completed and he would be forwarding a formal letter to the Division asking that the site be released.

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cc: Wayne Hedberg
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